

Pool Party?

It is a Saturday night and you do not have any scheduled activities for your group. Several students decide to go out to a liquor store and come back to the housing with several bottles of alcohol and other beverages. After being told by one security guard that it was okay to hangout by the pool after hours (and after having seen other residents do the same) the students have an impromptu party by the pool. The pool is located in the courtyard of the housing complex, and the gathering is relatively uneventful. Some students go swimming and after an hour or so, the gathering does get a bit animated and loud. One student drops a glass which shatters. The group is dispersed after being reprimanded by a different guard who informs them that they are not permitted to be in the pool area after hours, and there have been complaints from residents about the noise. The guard also notices the broken glass and tells the students that glassware is not permitted by the pool under any circumstances. He reminds them that alcohol is not permitted in public areas of the hotel complex.

The next morning, the hotel management calls you (the faculty advisor) to discuss the incident.

After interviewing the students, you learn the following:

- Doug and Adam brought glassware to the pool, were in the pool, contributed to the noise and were drinking outside of their room.
- Rusty, Bill, Ann, Jim, Tim, Janet, and John were in the pool, did not drink, and left before any complaints.
- Ernie, Chris and Ed initially lied about being present at the event. When other students confirmed their participation, they did admit that they brought the glasses to the pool and were in the pool. They also reluctantly admitted that they contributed to the noise and that they were drinking outside of their room.
- Molly, Andy and Christopher were at the pool but did not go swimming, contributed to noise, but did not drink.
- Liz, Connie, Chip, and David were in the pool, contributed to the noise, and were drinking outside of their room.

Discussion Questions:

How do you respond to the hotel management?

How might you respond to the various groups of students? Should all of the students be sanctioned?

What are appropriate sanctions for various groups of students?

How do you respond to the group of students as a whole?

Do you inform IGSD about the incident? At what point do you inform them?

Are there any safety strategies (education, engineering or enforcement) that could have prevented this?